

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

2 INTRODUCED BY TASH

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

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 5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
 6 MONTANA URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO ADOPT POLICIES GRANTING A MEMBER OF THE
 7 MILITARY WHO IS CALLED OR ORDERED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OTHER THAN ACTIVE DUTY FOR
 8 TRAINING, INCLUDING, IN THE CASE OF MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD, ACTIVE
 9 DUTY AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE VI, SECTION 13, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION, AN
 10 EDUCATIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY; URGING RESTORING A
 11 MEMBER UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO THE EDUCATIONAL STATUS ATTAINED PRIOR TO
 12 BEING CALLED OR ORDERED INTO ACTIVE DUTY; AND URGING REFUNDING ~~OR PROVIDING A CREDIT~~
 13 ~~FOR~~ OF TUITION OR FEES PAID BY A MILITARY MEMBER WHO IS SUBSEQUENTLY ORDERED TO
 14 ACTIVE DUTY.

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 16 WHEREAS, as commander-in-chief of the militia forces of Montana, except when forces are in the actual
 17 service of the United States, the Governor may call out any of the militia forces to aid in the execution of laws,
 18 suppress insurrection, repel invasion, or protect life and property in natural disasters or disasters caused by
 19 human activity; and

20 WHEREAS, from July 23, 2000, to September 7, 2001, 2,076 soldiers and aircrew members from the
 21 Montana Army and Air National Guard were called for state active duty in support of 17 wildland fire incidents
 22 in Montana; and

23 WHEREAS, since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the Montana Army and Air National
 24 Guard have mobilized and deployed more than 1,200 soldiers and aircrew members for active military duty,
 25 including state and federal active duty to support federal security operations and security operations for the
 26 National Emergency Managers Conference in Big Sky, Montana, to support Operation Enduring Freedom in
 27 Southeast Asia and stabilization forces in Bosnia, to support federal efforts for Operation Installation Security
 28 in Montana and support for Operation Airport Security by deploying soldiers and aircrew to protect Montana's
 29 14 airports, to provide security for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah, and to support federal security efforts by
 30 providing soldiers at 10 points of embarkation along the Montana-Canadian border; and

